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Dear Dr. Vallat

On behalf of Dr. Peter Fernández, official delegate to the OIE from the United States, it is my pleasure to thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Animal Health Code Chapters and Appendices listed below. The United States has no further comments to make on the eight documents listed immediately below prior to their submission for adoption by the International Committee at the 70th General Session in May 2002:

- 1) Chapter 1.1.1 General Definitions
- 2) Chapter 1.2.2 Certification Procedures
- 3) Chapter 1.3.4 Zoning and Regionalization
- 4) Chapter 2.1.9 Bluetongue
- 5) Chapter 2.2.13 Classical Swine Fever
- 6) Chapter 2.2.5 Rabies
- 7) Appendix 3.2.3 Porcine Semen
- 8) Appendix 3.3.1 *In vivo* Derived Embryos

As mentioned in an earlier communication sent to you in January of this year, we would have liked to have had more time to review and comment on Section 1.3, guidelines for the evaluation of Veterinary Services. If opportunity permits, we may still send your offices our comments to this section.



We are still compiling our comments on Chapter 2.1.1, Foot-and-Mouth Disease, Chapter 2.3.13, Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, Chapter 2.4.8, Scrapie, and Appendix 3.2.1, Bovine Semen. These comments will be forwarded to your office before the due date deadline.

Please pass this message to the International Animal Health Code Commission for their consideration.

Thank you again for the opportunity to review these Chapters and Appendices

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